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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment (marked-up copy attached):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

3. (Amended) The battery electrode according to claim 1, wherein an entire surface of the electrode plate is patterned by applying pressure, to which the lead is bonded.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the removed excess active material is collected by suction.

Please add the following new claims:

16. (New) The battery electrode according to claim 2, wherein an entire surface of the electrode plate is patterned by applying pressure, to which the lead is bonded.

17. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the removed excess active material is collected by suction.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3 and 8.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

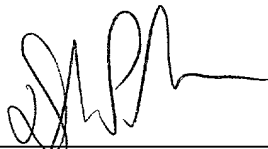
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3. (Amended) The battery electrode according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein an entire surface of the electrode plate is patterned by applying pressure, to which the lead is bonded.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 6 [or 7], wherein the removed excess active material is collected by suction.